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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Klaus Schadhauser) Group Art Unit: 5774
Serial No.: 09/961,315) Examiner: John Teresinski
Filed: September 25, 2001) .
For: Operating Device For Gas Discharge Lamps)
With Detection Of Filament Breakage)

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Dear Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, for which the shortened statutory period for response is set to expire three months after said date, please reconsider the above-entitled Application in view of the following amendment and remarks.